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Dear Dr. Lederberg:


Since Dr. Park had corresponded with you about our Science article, I did not feel it was necessary to duplicate the correspondence. The work which you specifically inquired about in your card has just appeared in January J. Biol. Chem. I had intended to send you the galleys but the article appeared before I managed to do it. Now I have already given our Secretary a note to send you reprints when they arrive.

Dr. Park mentioned your interest in a diamino pimelic acid nucleotide. We are looking for such a compound and all I can say definitely at the moment is that we are encouraged. As you undoubtedly realize, the other unique components of the cell wall and uridine nucleotide make the demonstration of such a compound only an interesting accessory to the main argument.

We have also had a lot of recent success in working out some of the enzymatic steps in the uridine nucleotide portion of cell wall synthesis, which will be presented next month at Federation meetings.

I would enjoy discussing the problem with you and hope that we will meet in St. Louis or elsewhere before too long.

Sincerely yours,

  
Jack L. Strominger

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